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unconscious contents now assume reality. The patient can preserve emotional rapport by dissociating into two personalities, the one transcendental, the other too human. Hysteria here results. If the emotional rapport is cut off, dementia praecox results. In any case organic changes are secondary.

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THE PSYCHOLOGY OF NATIONS. By *G. E. Partridge*. A Contribution to the Philosophy of History. Macmillan, New York, 1919.

The problem of the book is man's place in nature as a conscious factor of progress. This problem the author tries to solve by a study of the philosophy considered in relation to war.

The origin, biological aspects and motives of war are fearlessly faced, and the conclusion reached that war is founded on certain instincts but cannot be entirely explained by them. Fear is the main root of group antipathy. Thievery, cannibalism and display are the other definite principles of conduct which induced primitive warfare. These four principles are still the "mood" which induces war today and are the basis for the craving for the realization of power. Moods are explained as the "repositories of instincts, impulses, tendencies, desires, and are the driving force of conduct." These moods can be directed, influenced and controlled by education, but as yet education has not fostered any conception of the world as an object of social feeling, nor have the schools in any way developed the world social feeling in the child.

The modern world as actuated in its relations among nations by very unsocial motives. If social life can be made progressive, war will take care of itself. Our modern education develops national consciousness, not world consciousness; but it could direct the unsocial tendencies of war into more consciously progressive social conduct if education were directed toward this end. Social conduct is not naturally progressive, but is the result of directed effort. Before nations can direct and discipline themselves, they must discover their own ideals, desires and instincts. They must analyze their own motives and reactions as frankly and impartially as they do those of other nations. Economics must be considered in relation to instincts which underlie human conduct.

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THE NEW ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Excerpts from *Miss Harriet Gage's* report of sessions of the American Association of Hospital Social Workers, the National Probation Association and concurrently meeting organizations, at New Orleans, April 13-21, 1920.

Perhaps the most important subject before the three business and four executive committee meetings of the American Association of Hospital Social Workers was that of reorganization on the chapter or district basis, along the lines of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association